

CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21st September 2020

Thankfully the oven is now fixed and in full working order. Thank you for your patience during this time with the changing sandwich options and I apologise for the lack of notice about ham being unavailable last Monday. An email had been written but it didn't send which meant that some children were unable to have the sandwich of their choice. This has now been rectified and shouldn't happen again. We are also going to trial a packed hot lunch option of pasta bolognaise on Thursday 1st October. This will be served in a compostable container with the children using disposable cutlery. Each family has received notification of this via ParentMail, please check your inbox. If this is successful then we will incorporate it into our menu. The children and staff are slowly getting used to the new lunchtime routine of eating in their own classroom and having to wait for their classmates before all going out to play as a class.

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to raise them at school. Mrs Green

Celebrations!

We held another virtual sharing assembly with each class joining from their classroom. It was great to see all the children and for them to see each other. We awarded a 'Star of the Week' from each class and also counted up the house points.

Stars of the Week:

Class 1 - Luke P for his confident start to school and excellent number work.

Class 2 - Heidi W for her lovely independent writing.

Class 3 - Orla M for a huge improvement with both her written and maths skills.

Class 4 - Skye M for her excellent independent writing.

The winning house this week was Air. Congratulations to everyone in Air for their teamwork in earning the most house points during the past week at school.

Testing for Covid-19

It is important that if your child becomes unwell with any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed below that you get tested. Testing sites are available across Cheshire and Merseyside, with appointments for tests released daily throughout the day. However, a vast increase in demand has led to laboratories, which process the tests, being overwhelmed. This national issue has meant that bookings have been restricted by the Department of Health and Social Care.

At this time of such high demand it is crucial that **only** people who have **COVID-19 symptoms** book a test. These include:

- a high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

There is no need for members of a pupil's household to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. If your child tests positive they should self-isolate and stay off school for 10 days. If the test comes back negative they can return to school if they no longer have symptoms and have been fever free for 48hrs.

As we head into the winter months pupils may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils **don't** need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual. Please do not attend A & E, other hospital facilities or GP Practices requesting a COVID test as they are not able to provide these

To book a test please visit: <u>www.nhs.uk</u> or by calling: 119.

There is a useful guide attached to this newsletter - please take the time to read it.

Google classrooms at Capenhurst

Each family will have received a letter and user guide via ParentMail explaining how we plan to use Google classrooms at Capenhurst for homework and remote education. During the course of the week, log in details will be sent home for each child. This is a new venture for school and may be unfamiliar to some families so we need to be patient and work together so that everyone can become more confident in its use. Any questions, please ask. Thank you for your cooperation with the use of Google classrooms.







Page Two



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Friday 2nd Oct - School photos

Friday 23rd Oct - INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 26th Oct - Friday 30th Oct - School closed for half term holiday

Monday 30th Nov - Whole school flu vaccination

Friday 18th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas from **1.30pm** (staggered finish times will be arranged to fit in with the arrangements that are in place at the time)

Monday 4th Jan - School reopens for the Spring Term

There will be more details sent home for the events as they become available and closer to taking place. Other dates will be added as they are set in the diary.

Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Details regarding swimming lessons have been sent home via ParentMail for children in Class 4. Please complete the consent form in ParentMail as soon as possible. Payment should be made via ParentMail before Tuesday 20th October.

PE

Please remember that your child needs to wear their PE kit for school on **Mondays and Fridays** so that they can fully take part in the activities that are planned. Thank you.

Friends of Capenhurst

Facebook Page

Just a reminder, and for our new families, that Friends of Capenhurst has a Facebook page, '**Friends of Capenhurst School** (**PTA**)'. This is a closed group for **current parents/carers only**; please request to join the group if you have not already done so and you will be added. The group provides fundraising updates and general school reminders.

Twitter

West Cheshire Foodbank—Harvest Collection

As harvest draws nearer, we would like to support the vulnerable families in our community and the local area by collecting non-perishable food items during the next few weeks. Each class will have a donation box and the children are encouraged to bring in items to fill the box. Please bring in your harvest donations before Friday 9th October. Thank you for your support.

HAPPY*



<u>Birthday Celebrations</u> The following children celebrate a birthday this week: (21st to 27th September)

Dougie C

Orla M

Follow us on Twitter for class news and updates @CapenhurstCEPS

